

ITALY TO STAND FIRM

The Italian Parliament Approves the War Plan for Armed Neutrality

GOVERNMENT IS UPHELD

Chamber, by Vote of 413 to 49, Expresses Its Confidence

Rome, Dec. 7.—The Italian Chamber Saturday passed a vote of confidence in the government, 413 to 49. Admiral Bettolo, ex-minister of marine, presented the resolution, calling for a vote of confidence in the cabinet. The admiral said he approved of the reasons of neutrality as given by Premier Salandra.

Italy's neutrality was not due to unsatisfactory military conditions in the country, Admiral Bettolo said, but because Italy was not obliged to follow the central empires of Europe. The former minister added: "Our neutrality must be strongly armed so as to enable us to defend the supreme interests of the country if they are threatened or unrecognized. Our neutrality should be an expression of Italy's diplomatic and military power."

The formal announcement that Prince Bernhard von Buelow, former chancellor of the German empire, had been placed at the head of the German embassy at Rome while the present ambassador, Herr von Flotow, is to be absent for three months on account of his health, has aroused much interested comment in Rome. Although this move has been reported as probable for some time, it may be said to have produced a considerable sensation. It is remarkable that a former chancellor should become the head of an embassy which is by no means the most important in the German diplomatic service. In some quarters the appointment is regarded as Germany's answer to the declaration of Premier Salandra to the Italian Parliament Thursday that there was no clause in any treaty binding Italy to participate with the Teuton allies in the present conflict, and that Italy would maintain her present

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attitude of watchful and armed neutrality. On the other hand, it was recalled that Prince von Buelow was popular as ambassador to Italy 20 years ago and that his wife belonged to a very prominent Italian family. Many observers are of the opinion that the appointment of Prince von Buelow to this post means that Berlin is about to exercise strong pressure to prevent Italy from passing to the side of the allies.

BRITISH CRUISER ASHORE IN STORM

Venus Was Running for South of England Port—Steamer Aground Near Mersey.

London, Dec. 7.—The British cruiser Venus has gone ashore in the storm, steaming with full force. Her foremast and a portion of the bridge were carried away by an enormous sea. The warship was running for a port in the south of England when the storm broke.

Another victim of the gale, which is still raging along the coast, is an unidentified steamer which is ashore near Mersey. Three lifeboats have gone to her assistance.

The Venus is one of the older light cruisers. She was laid down in 1895 and has a displacement of 3,500 tons. She carries a complement of 450 men.

The Norwegian steamer Waterloo, of 1,263 tons, foundered off the Lizard at midnight Friday. Three persons were saved. The others of the crew are missing.

JUDGE FINES A WOMAN A CENT, THEN PAYS FINE

"You Should Have Administered More Severe Punishment," He Says to Defendant.

Lowell, Mass., Dec. 7.—Judge Thomas Enright, finding Mrs. Blanche Reese guilty of assault and battery on a young girl, fined her one cent, then said:

"Here is the cent to pay your fine. I do not blame you for what you did. You should have administered a more severe chastisement."

Mrs. Reese told the court a pitiful story of how she strove to have her daughter lead a good life, and how 13-year-old Regina Defoe, whom she was accused of assaulting, persuaded her daughter, Dorothy, to go with her and two young men to Nashua in an automobile.

Mrs. Reese said she missed her daughter, went to the Defoe girls' house to make inquiries, and at what she heard lost her temper and struck the girl.

SIX-MASTER IS ASHORE.

Big Schooner in Nantucket Sound Is Threatened by Gale and Seas.

Vineyard Haven, Mass., Dec. 7.—A six-masted schooner was reported ashore on Saturday night on Tuckernuck shoal in Nantucket sound. The revenue cutter Aushnet from Woods Hole and a wrecking tug from New London, Conn., went to her assistance.

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BENDER NOW WITH FEDS

The Famous Indian Pitcher Quits American League

TERMS "VERY SATISFACTORY"

"Best Thing I Ever Did in My Life," Says the Chief

Philadelphia, Dec. 7.—Charles A. Bender, the great Indian pitcher of the Philadelphia Athletics, Saturday signed a Federal league contract and will play either with Brooklyn or Baltimore. The big chief is the second star pitcher of the former world's champions to jump to the Federals the past week, Eddie Plank having signed a contract at Gettysburg, Pa., last Wednesday to play with the St. Louis club.

Bender Saturday night confirmed the report that he had gone over to the Federals. He said he met Harry Gold, man of the Baltimore club at Philadelphia and lost no time in signing. "The terms of the contract are very satisfactory, and it is the best thing I ever did in my life," said the chief. The contract is to run for two years.

Bender said he knew others who were going to sign Federal league contracts, but refused to disclose their identity.

Connie Mack, manager of the Athletics, said he was not surprised when told that Bender had gone over to the Federal league. "I expected it. His contract with Philadelphia expires this year," he said, "and I did not intend to renew it. Bender was simply under reserve and the matter is entirely up to him. I made no arrangements nor entered into any deal with Bender for next year. I had asked for waivers on him, Plank and Combs."

THREE CLUBS MADE MONEY.

Other American Association Teams Less Fortunate.

Chicago, Dec. 7.—Three clubs in the American association made money in the season of 1914, it was announced Saturday by President Chivington. Two clubs broke even, two others lost money, but not discouraging amounts, and the eighth city, St. Paul, undoubtedly was a heavy loser, he said. Milwaukee, Louisville and Columbus were named as the trio which had a profitable season. Cleveland and Minneapolis broke even. Kansas City lost money, as did Indianapolis and St. Paul.

The Kansas City club owners say their loss was not heavy, but the Indianapolis club lost \$40,000, according to the stockholders' estimate. President Chivington believes park improvements and bought players were included in this statement. St. Paul's losses have been estimated as reaching \$20,000.

"The American association is well fortified for another year of warfare," President Chivington said in commenting on the outlook for 1915. "We are not worrying about the Federal league, but are going to strengthen our teams. Both our Kansas City and Indianapolis clubs were affected more by their position in the present race than by the independent league's opposition. We anticipate a prosperous season, with affairs satisfactorily adjusting themselves in St. Paul, where a change is reported as likely to occur."

BASEBALL ROUGH SPORT.

At Least It Appears That Way According to Statistics.

Chicago, Dec. 7.—Thirty-five deaths and 918 injuries were caused by baseball during 1914, according to figures made public by a Chicago sport writer, who kept a tabulation of the season's injuries. Of the players who died from injuries, 20 were hit by pitched balls, five were struck by bats, four were in collisions, four over-exerted themselves, one was hurt sliding to a base and one was killed in a fight. Injuries to spectators are classified as follows: Broken limbs, 214; concussion of brain, 14; fractured skulls, 33; paralysis, 3; sprains, 37; sprains, 36; fractures, 37; dislocations, 7; torn ligaments, 10. Players hurt in the same league number 114; American league 60, National league 41. Federal league 34, college teams 3.

BURTON READY TO FIGHT \$40,000,000 PORK BILL

Opponents of Big Rivers and Harbors Appropriation Stronger Than Ever, He Says.

Washington, Dec. 7.—Senator Burton, whose filibuster reduced the river and harbor bill from \$55,000,000 to \$20,000,000 last session, is here ready to renew his fight if another pork barrel measure is introduced.

"Very careful scrutiny," said he, "will be brought to bear on any such bill reported to the Senate. The opponents of these appropriations are stronger than ever in their determination to prevent legislation of that sort. Undoubtedly many interests will endeavor to have enacted into a law a large river and harbor bill at the coming session."

Senator Ransdell, Senator Fletcher and other active members of the National River and Harbor Congress are preparing to try to get through appropriations of about \$40,000,000 for rivers and harbors.

RUMOR OF NEW CARRANZA PLAN

To Block the Vera Cruz Railway, Says the British Ambassador.

Washington, Dec. 7.—Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, the British ambassador, informed the state department Saturday of a dispatch from British Charge Hollier in Mexico City, saying reports were current that General Carranza was planning to destroy the British-owned railroad between Vera Cruz and Mexico City by blowing up certain tunnels.

The ambassador also informed the department that Carranza had seized at Vera Cruz British cotton consigned to interior mills, as well as other shipments of British goods. He is understood to have made no specific request of the United States, and his action was in line with the established policy of communicating to the department all reports from Mexico City.

Grave concern was expressed, however, over the reported threat of Carranza to put the railway, the only line operated between Mexico City and Vera Cruz, out of commission. If this were done by destroying tunnels, a long time would be required to restore traffic. Meanwhile British subjects and other foreigners in the interior of Mexico would not have that means of escape from Mexico City.

It is understood that England will not undertake to pass upon the right of any individual to aspire to leadership in Mexico. That, however, does not mean that an indemnity for the death of the British subject, Benton, would not be demanded from Villa should he become president, or from whoever may ultimately be settled in that office.

NEW REVOLUTION.

Former Federal Generals Are at Head of Forces in Chihuahua.

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 7.—A new revolutionary movement has been started in Mexico, according to copies of a proclamation received here Saturday and signed by Jose Luis Salazar and Emilio P. Campa, who were former federal generals. They were reported at the head of troops in central Chihuahua and about to attack Casas Grandes, a strategic point southwest of Juarez and west of Chihuahua City.

The proclamation denounced both the Carranza constitutionalist government as established at Vera Cruz and the convention government sustained by Villa. It was said that a convention form of government would be established by the new party. Support in all parts of Mexico was claimed.

Villa Orders Return of Bullion.

Bullion of the American Smelting & Refining Co., seized by General Garcia and Mexican troops, has been ordered returned to the company by General Villa. State department advises Saturday also reported that the governor of San Luis Potosi has issued full guarantees for the operation of the Santa Maria de la Paz mine, a British property, under the right of full ownership.

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STRIKE FACTS MISSTATED

Is Admission of President of Colorado Fuel & Iron Co.

PRESS AGENTS WROTE PAMPHLETS

Won't Deny That Thousands Were Paid to the Leaders

Denver, Dec. 7.—Facts concerning the struggles in Colorado for industrial freedom, a pamphlet which J. F. Welborn, president of the Colorado Fuel and Iron company, said his corporation had caused to be written, were investigated by the federal commission on industrial relations Saturday.

Mr. Welborn testified that the Colorado Fuel and Iron company published the document at an expense of \$12,000 and distributed 40,000 copies to ministers, legislators, educators and the public. He said several paragraphs should be qualified; of the truth of others he had no evidence, and he repudiated responsibility for still other statements.

The witness declined to give the name of the author of the pamphlet who, he said, came to Colorado to write the book after a conversation with an Eastern director of the company. He did not know who was to pay the writer for his services. He said he had not seen the writer since August, but he was still in the employ of the company.

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"If it is true that McLennan gets \$4 a day, will you correct it?"

"Just as soon as I believe it is wrong."

Mr. Welborn said he had not seen details that Mr. Walsh cited.

"Did you look for a repudiation?"

"No I had a great deal else to do."

Mr. Welborn said the statement had been published on the authority of the newspaper in which it first appeared.

"Of course, if the newspaper statement is incorrect, this statement is incorrect," he said.

Commissioner O'Connell said the figures given were from the report of William Green secretary of the United Mine Workers, and covered total salary and expenses for one year, not nine weeks.

"Of course, I had no access to Mr. Green's report," said Welborn.

The statement which alleges that the delegates to the Trinidad convention that called the strike were selected and sent there by officers of the union, Mr. Welborn declared he could substantiate. He did not know any delegates to the convention had not been chosen by vote of his fellow workmen.

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